

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION
COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
PROVIDER INFORMATION**

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WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY IN PROVIDING SERVICES?	
Resource coordination is best delivered through real partnership with the person served and his/her support network, be that family, friends, service providers, etc., in the development of a personal plan of clearly defined supports and services focused on achieving his/her desired lifestyle. Central to our philosophy is the belief that true community participation and choice for people with disabilities is the expected outcome of services.	
HOW LONG HAS YOUR AGENCY BEEN PROVIDING COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN MARYLAND?	
Since July 2003.	
HOW IS YOUR AGENCY DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS?	
With over 10 years of experience, RCI has developed strong partnerships with local community resources and service providers in our region. Our service model offers specialists in each program area so that people benefit from working with an expert. In addition, RCI promotes positive community perception of people with disability through events such as its art shows, the Community Chorus, the annual dinner recognition of individual accomplishments, and more. The agency Steering Committee, comprised of self-advocates, helps us to remain mission-focused in all we do.	
WHAT MARYLAND COUNTIES DO YOU SERVE?	
Prince George's County	
WHAT AREAS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DO YOU HAVE SPECIALISTS IN?	
In addition to program-area specialists, RCI has staff who are well versed in benefits planning; housing options; specialized supports for people with co-occurring disorders and/or court involvement. We serve individuals with all types of developmental disability.	
HOW DO YOU MATCH INDIVIDUALS WITH COORDINATORS?	
RCI employs a diverse group of professionals, each of whom brings varied experiences and skills. Matching people with the right resource coordinator depends on the interest and projected needs of the individual. Those who indicate a desire for a specific quality or skill-set are matched accordingly. We have arranged for people to interview a number of staff when they have indicated a wish to do so. While people may be initially assigned based on our initial assessment and current capacity, our policy is that a person may request a change of coordinator at any time for any reason.	
DO YOU PROVIDE REFERENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND FAMILIES TO CONTACT? IF SO, HOW DO I ACCESS?	
We have reference letters that we are happy to share upon request. Interested persons may contact the Executive Director for more information. We will also be seeking permission to post potential references for our agency on our newly revised website.	